

## NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### District Councillor's Report

Since the last meeting of Nettleham Parish Council I have attended a meeting of the **Planning Committee** on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June. There were no planning applications up for consideration within the ward, however the Committee were minded to grant planning permission for the district council's **crematorium**, this will be based south of Gainsborough in the village of Lea, not quite a full half hour drive from Nettleham. Anyone who has had to arrange a cremation for a friend or family member in recent years will be aware of the waiting times at local crematoria. This facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of next year, will ease those pressure on other crematoria in the county and provide a local facility for the district's residents. On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July I attend a meeting of Full Council, where my appointment to the **National Council of the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)** was announced, we received a number of neighbourhood plans, and considered a report on the Annual Report on **Treasury Management**. Between Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July I was in Bournemouth attending the **Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA)** annual conference. It was a great opportunity to hear from professionals in the public finance sphere, global economists, thought-leaders, and tech pioneers. There was ample opportunity to discuss and debate opportunities and challenges that are presented by the impacts of new technology. The three themes of the conference were **Talent, Technology and Transformation**. I particularly enjoyed the talk given by **Prof. Woudhuysen**, 'In data we trust', who has a well-earned reputation as a trend analyst and provided a considerable challenge to the assumptions that many make in the public sector on everything from the industrial strategy to risk. The following day I thought the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, **Rishi Sunak MP**, made a thoughtful and engaging address. On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July I chaired a meeting of the **Community Awards Panel**, where we considered the strengths and weaknesses of the previous cycle and committed to a future set of community awards early in 2019. On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July I attended the hand-over ceremony for three new mini-buses to **Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride**, which had received a rare capital expenditure grant of £100,000 from the lottery's Big Society Fund, which continues to receive support from West Lindsey District Council, not just financial, but also on the important issue of changes to the regulations that could gravely affect their future service to the elderly and disabled of all ages in our community. Following this engagement I headed back to Nettleham to attend the ground-breaking ceremony by Lindums and **LACE** housing's site on **Deepdale Lane**. The following day, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, I attended the Council's Small & Large Grants Celebration Event at Hemswell Court. I was really interested in the presentation made by Mr. Chris Williams of Nettleham Woodland Trust and their display in the exhibition that accompanied the event. Finally, on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, I attended Leaders' Panel at the Guildhall. The main focus of our considerations at this time is on pulling together the foundations for our Corporate Plan refresh. In the coming weeks I will be attending meetings of the **Governance and Audit Committee** (Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July) and the **Planning Committee**, on two occasions, (Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August). Like most public bodies there is a break in meetings over the summer in August. The final tranche of £1,000.00 of my **Councillors' Initiative Fund** is now being allocated. I have made awards of £100.00 to support volunteers from the village with **'The Great Get Together'** who are going to provide a **Christmas Lunch** to the lonely of the village later this year, £100.00 to assist with the costs of this year's **Nettleham Festive Market** and £500.00 for new ICT equipment in **Nettleham Community Hub**. Currently £300.00 remains unallocated.



**Giles McNeill**

*Working hard for the Nettleham Ward*